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DECLARATION OF RODNEY THAXTON

I, Rodney Thaxton, respectfully state as follows.

1. I am an Assistant Public Defender for Dade County, Florida, specializing in handling trials of death penalty cases. I am a frequent lecturer at the University of Miami School of Law and at conferences of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association on handling capital cases.

2. I am active in numerous organizations including, among others, the Miami-Dade Branch of the NAACP (Assistant General Counsel, 1989-present), the Governors Task Force on Criminal Justice (1991), the Criminal Rules Committee of the Florida Bar Association (1992-present), the Juvenile Justice Task Force on Juvenile AIDS (1989), the Board of Directors of the Miami Chapter of the ACLU (1993), the Coalition for a Free South Africa (1984-present; Vice-President, 1986-present), the Board of Directors of the Coalition for Progress Foundation, which provides scholarships for African Americans seeking careers in tourism (1992-present), the United Way of Dade County Agency Relations Panel (1986-1989), the Board of Directors of Alliance for Aging (1989-1993), and the Executive Board of the Unrepresented Peoples Positive Action Council (UP-PAC) (1986-present).

3. I have lived in Dade County, Florida since 1982.

4. I have reviewed Channel 45's "Issues/Programs Lists" for the years 1987-1991 on the issue of crime. Channel 45 has not responded in a meaningful way to the community's needs on that subject.

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5. South Florida presents unique population demographics, which much of Channel 45's programming fails to take into consideration. In the area of protecting against crime, the station apparently failed to suggest ways of protecting people who are often victims of various crimes which are common here but not elsewhere. For example, older Hispanics in Miami often fall prey to the old scam called the "pigeon drop." This scam usually involves two or more persons who approach the victim and ask for assistance. One of them claims to have something of value but no way of storing or cashing it in without difficulty. Lately the claim has been that the person has a winning lottery ticket and cannot cash it in because of his immigration status. The victim is then encouraged to put something of value of his own with this item. It is wrapped in a bundle and the bundles are switched. Often the victim is persuaded to go to the bank and withdraw substantial sums of money. This scenario involving an "immigrant" is particularly popular here because Dade County has a very large number of immigrants. In the Issues/Programs Lists I reviewed, Channel 45 made no mention of this type of crime.

6. Crimes against the elderly also present particular problems in our community. One scam which disproportionately affects South Florida's very large elderly community is the telephone scam. The phone scam artists persuade the elderly and other victims (usually minorities) to purchase items or to simply give out their financial information over the phone. People end up being charged for items they cannot use or do not want; their credit card numbers are used and they have tremendous difficulty accessing the system to clear their names of the unlawful purchases. Channel 45 apparently made little reference to these matters and did little to educate a huge community about them.

7. Discussion of rehabilitation is another area in which Channel 45 falls far short. While the station often goes to great lengths to portray individuals who have somehow been rehabilitated, usually through religion, the station does little to advance anyone's understanding of the rehabilitative process. The Issues/Programs Lists I reviewed reflected no discussion of the fact that in Florida, the state legislature has clearly stated that rehabilitation is not one of the goals of the Florida Prison system. While Channel 45 has sought to encourage people to support legislation which would enhance penalties for crime, it has apparently done little or nothing to advance the call for more rehabilitation in prison. It does not seem to have discussed the need for more drug programs, the need for more educational programs or the need for more job training. This void exists notwithstanding the large number of persons incarcerated in Florida.

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8. The Issues/Programs Lists I reviewed also contained no programming which discussed the disproportionate number of African American males and females in prison or the effect that racism might have on a person's life chances or probability of being put in prison. Little if any discussion focused on the root causes of crime such as poverty and poor education. This omission was particularly unfortunate for a station licensed to a community with a very high poverty rate and a substandard educational system.

9. The Issues/Programs Lists I reviewed also reflected no programming which addressed the failed relationship between the police and the minority communities. The material did not mention the violence of the police toward this community or the number of police who have been involved in other types of crimes. These matters are commonplace in Dade County, where police misconduct has triggered four major civil disturbances over the past 13 years -- more than in any other U.S. city. For example, Miami was one of the six cities in which the National NAACP held public hearings in 1991 on police misconduct. I was honored to be a witness at the Miami hearings. Channel 45 was the only television station in Miami which did not cover or otherwise present any programming about those hearings.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing Declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed August 10, 1993.


Rodney Thaxton

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I , William Thompson Jr. , respectfully state as follows.

1. I have been a Broward county resident for four years. I reside at 4881 N.W. 93 Avenue, Sunrise, Florida 33351. My place of work is located at 19 West Flager Street, Suite 803 Miami, Florida. I am Executive Director for Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Incorporated (HOPE, Inc.) HOPE is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the inequalities in the housing market that result from race and sex discrimination and other unlawful housing practices.

2. I have reviewed the synopses of Channel 45's "Issues/Programs List" for the period of 1987 through 1991 which covered the subject of Housing. The programs presented in the "Issues/Programs List" were geared toward informing individuals about the homeless problem and organizations which may provide assistance to homeless people. However, I did not find any programming in the Issues/Program List" which address the disparities in the housing market as a result of an individual's race, religious belief, sex, or sexual preference. In my capacity as Executive Director of HOPE, Inc. I have seen first-hand the aftermath of such unlawful conduct concerning the locations and financing available to non-majoritarian Americans. The unlawful conduct within this area affects an individual's emotional well-being and his or her opportunities in such areas as education, employment, and environmental quality of life.

3. Previously, HOPE, Inc. has been offered or appeared on community service programs (WLRN Channel 17) but unfortunately Channel 45 has not contacted me or anyone affiliated with HOPE.

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4. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that foregoing Declaration is true and correct.

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William Thompson, Jr.
Executive Director

Squad #23

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:**BRADFORD E. BROWN****~~Assistant~~ DIRECTOR****SOUTHEAST FISHERIES CENTER
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE****NATIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

- o Deputy Director, Southeast Fisheries Center, 1984-1989
~~Assistant~~ Director. Responsible for planning and administering Federal and cooperative research to support fisheries and protected species management in the Southeast Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean regions, through 400 employees and eight major facilities.

PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Major improvements in policy and program integration among NMFS units, international agencies, and state and management council constituents; upgraded provision of assessment information to managers.

- o Chief, Resource Assessment Division, Northeast Fisheries Center (NEFC, Woods Hole, MA), 1978-1984. Responsible for 100 staff and several facilities dedicated to assessing the status and condition of fish, shellfish, and marine mammals in the northeastern U.S.

PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENTS: Significant gains in establishing long-term data collection and analysis, and highly-integrated policy and program planning; international recognition for advancement in research related to fisheries management.

- o Other key administrative positions during 26 years as a scientist and administrator:
 - Leader, NEFC Fishery Management Biological Investigations
 - Leader, NEFC Assessment Unit
 - Assistant Leader, Oklahoma Cooperative Fishery Unit, U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Oklahoma State University
 - Leader, Biostatistics Unit, U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Woods Hole

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INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- o U.S. scientific advisor to FAO of the United Nations, International Commission for Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, MEXUS-Gulf, and other international agencies and organizations
- o Advisor to U. S. Department of State on bilateral fishery negotiations with Canada, USSR, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Mexico
- o Member, National Academy of Science Fisheries Task Force, Ocean Policy Committee
- o Invited participant at many international symposia, conferences and committees charged with program development
- o International fields: Extended jurisdiction, bilateral negotiations, marine education, marine ecosystems, ocean policy, tunas and billfishes, marine mammals, continental shelf resources, and stock assessment.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- o Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State University
- o Adjunct Professor, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- o Adjunct Professor, Bridgewater (MA) State College
- o Adjunct Professor, Rutgers University
- o Adjunct Professor, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
- o Adjunct Professor, University of Rhode Island
- o Adjunct Professor, University of Miami
- o Cooperative Programs Coordinator, University of Rhode Island, University of Massachusetts and the Hampton Institute
- o Consultant on Biomedical Sciences Program, Jackson State University
- o Consultant on Marine Sciences Program, Hampton Institute
- o Member, University of Miami Cooperative Institute of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences Governing Board

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- o Special Achievement Awards, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife (1967, 1968)
- o Special Achievement Awards, NOAA (1973, 1975)
- o Special Achievement Award for Equal Employment Opportunity Efforts, U.S. Department of the Interior (1968)
- o Equal Employment Opportunity Award, U.S. Department of Commerce (1975)
- o Arthur J. Fleming Award, Scientific Category (1976)
- o Member, Amer. Fisheries Society Executive Board (1979-80)
- o Fellow, American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists
- o President, American Fisheries Society Marine Section (1981)
- o Nominee for President, American Fisheries Society (1982)
- o Outstanding Scientific Paper, American Fisheries Society (1986)
- o Honorable Mention, Outstanding Publication Award, 1977 Fisheries Bulletin; paper selected for republication in "Key Papers on Fish Populations".
- o Member, New York Academy of Science
- o Member, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi Honorary Societies
- o Listings: American Men of Science; Marquis' Who's Who in the Southwest; Marquis' Who's Who in the Northeast.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

64 scientific publications
 59 scientific documents
 45 presented papers
 30 invited lectures and seminars

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born Worcester, MA 1933

Education:

Harvard University, 1955-56
 B.S. Cornell University, 1960: conservation
 M.S. Auburn University, 1962: aquatic
 sciences/quantitative science
 Ph.D. Oklahoma State University, 1969: aquatic
 sciences/statistics
 Military service: Honorable Discharge, U.S. Army
 Married, four children
 Resident, Dade County, FL

CIVIL RIGHTS AND MINORITY ADVANCEMENT SERVICE

- o Member, U.S. Civil Rights Commission Advisory Committees, 1967-84, in Oklahoma and Massachusetts; Massachusetts Chair, 1977-84, ~~FLORIDA CHAIR 1980-PRESENT~~
- o Advisor to Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Cape Cod Area, and Governor's (statewide) Advisory Committee
- o Member, Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee to Massachusetts Department of Personnel Administration
- o Active in NAACP for 25 years; Golden Heritage Life Subscribing Member; Executive Board Member, Cape Cod (MA), Payne County (OK), and Greater Miami (FL) branches; Held positions as Chair of Education, Membership, and Labor and Industry Committees; Second Vice President, Greater Miami NAACP; Third Vice President, New England Conference of Branches
- o Member, Greater Boston Civil Rights Coalition
- o Vice Chair, Employment Committee of the Metro Miami Action Plan; Member, Executive Board
- o Appointed by County Commissioners to Dade County Community Relations Board; Chair of the Police Community Relations Affirmative Action Committee
- o Active in numerous efforts to increase participation of blacks in science, including significant cooperative efforts with black colleges; consultant and lecturer in this field; author of articles on science education for blacks
- o Recipient of numerous awards in recognition of civil rights work, including 1984 Proclamation by Governor Michael Dukakis for efforts in Massachusetts

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Relevant Civil Rights Activities

U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Member of Oklahoma Advisory Committee 1966-1970

Chaired Enid Subcommittee

Member Massachusetts Advisory Committee 1970-1984

Chaired New Bedford Subcommittee

Chaired Public Employment Subcommittees

Served as Vice Chairperson

Chairperson 1977-1984

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Member Governors Advisory Commission 1983-1984

Member Cape Cod Area Advisory Committee

1964-1965

1970-1984

Served as Vice Chairperson - served on committees for workshops for:

- 1. high school guidance counselors**
- 2. police officials**
- 3. local employers on sex discrimination**
- 4. local employers on affirmative action and equal opportunity**

Member Department of Personnel Administrator's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity Practices 1983-1984.

NAACP - Subscribing Golden Heritage Member**FLORIDA**

2nd Vice President Greater Miami NAACP 1986-1988
Miami Dade NAACP 1989-93

Member Executive Board Greater Miami NAACP 1984-1988

Responsibilities in labor and industry, education, legal redress political action

Served on Freedom Fund Banquet committee

Served on Orange Bowl Negotiating Committee

Branch Member South Dade Branch

Consultant to South Dade's NAACP to Achieve Dropout Prevention and Academic Incentive Program

Delegate to NAACP 1986, 1987 and 1988, National Conventions

Delegate to regional training conference 1987, 1988

Delegate to Florida State Conference of Branches Meetings

MASSACHUSETTS

Third Vice President New England Conference of Branches 1982-1984

Member Executive Board New England Conference 1981-1984

Chair Resolutions Committee New England Conference 1982-1984

Member Affirmative Action Officers Workshop Conference 1983 Committee

Attendee/Delegate New England Conference Annual Meetings various time (1970-1983)

Member Cape Cod Branch NAACP 1962-1965/1975-1984

Member Cape Cod Branch Executive Board 1963-1965 - 1970-1984

Chaired membership committee 1964-1965, 1971-1984

Served on Education, Political Action, and Labor and Industry Committees.

Served as Newsletter Editor 1964-1965

Attended Regional Conferences

Alternate Delegate NAACP Annual Conference 1982

OKLAHOMA

Member Payne County Branch 1965-1969

Member at large Executive Board, Active in Several Committees

Delegate Oklahoma Conference of Branches

Attended Regional Conferences

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

Massachusetts Legislature Committee on Public Employment hearings on Affirmative Action. (twice)

Massachusetts Legislature Committee to Study State Personnel Systems 1981.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Hearings on the Joint Training Partnership Act.

National Coalition of Advocates for Students, 1983.

Florida State Advisory Committee US Civil Rights Commissioner Police Community Relations July 1988

City of Miami Commissions Hearings on Discrimination on Fire Department 1987, 1988

Dade County School Board Public Hearings on school equity and desegregation issues

U.S. GOVERNMENT - RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Responsible for writing and overseeing affirmative actions plans for components of National Marine Fisheries Service 1974-1988.
2. Served as EEO Counselor 1972-1979.
3. Served as Northeast Fisheries Center Laboratory EEO Committee Chairperson 1974-1977.
4. Served on Northeast Region NMFS EEO Committee Vice Chairperson 1976-1977.
5. Served as EEO Coordinator for Northeast Fisheries Center 1977 to 1984; Southeast Fisheries Center 1986-87
6. Represented National Marine Fisheries Service at NOAA Office of Civil Rights Annual Conferences; made presentation 1984.
7. Organized conference on opportunities in marine science for Black College faculty at Woods Hole - sponsored by NOAA and NAFEO (National Association Equal Opportunity in Higher Education).
8. Help organize conference on marine science opportunities for Black College Cooperative Education Directors, Woods Hole, Northeast Fisheries Center in association with NAFEO.
9. Developed Southeast Fisheries Center's cooperation with Dade County Florida's Inner City Marine Program.
10. Developed Memorandum of Understanding/Funding for Northeast Fisheries Center with Hampton University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Cooperative grant between Southeast Fisheries Center and Savannah State College.
11. Developed Cooperative Education and faculty employment relationships between Northeast Fisheries Center and predominantly Black Colleges 1924-1964, involving twelve schools, four faculty and over forty students.
12. Attended several annual NAFEO Conferences 1979-1984 to enhance NMFS relationship with Black Colleges.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

"Minorities in Marine Affairs"
Conference on Dade County Florida School System's
Inner City Marine Program.

"Minorities in Marine Affairs"
Ocean's 82-Annual Meeting Marine Technology
Society-Published Marine Technology Journal 17 (1).

"Equal Opportunity in Fisheries"
American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting 1980
Published in "Fisheries".

Co-preparer of Role Model Section in "Current" the
Journal of the National Marine Education Society.

Perspectives on Marine Science Education for Minorities
and Minority Institutions - Symposium at Hampton
Institute 1982.

Marine Science Opportunities - Jackson State University
Workshop for Guidance Counselors - 1981.

Minorities and Women in Marine Science - National Marine
Education Association - Annual Conference - 1981.

Luncheon Speaker - Boston Federal Executive Board Annual
EEO Conference 1981.

Keynote Speaker - New England Regional Conference NAACP
Workshop for Affirmative Action Officers 1981.

Panel Presenter on Affirmative Action at New England
Conference NAACP Annual Meetings 1979, 1981.

Panel Presenter of Legislation - New England Conference
NAACP Annual Meeting 1983.

Presentation at Region II Conference of The American
Association for Affirmative Action 1983.

Presentation at Association of Black Administrators at
Massachusetts Institutions of Higher Education -
1983.

Presentation on Police Use of Deadly Force Panel
sponsored by Greater Boston Civil Rights coalition
1982.

Chaired Panel - Establishing Linkages with Black
Colleges American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting
1987.

**"Establishing Linkages with Historically Black Colleges and
Universities" published in Fisheries fall 1988.**

COMMITTEES AND CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

**Member Dade County Community Relations Board 1986-88 Chair
Community Relations/Affirmative Action Committee.**

**Consultant Dade County Public Schools Inner City Marine
Program, 1984-88.**

**Member Metro-Miami Action Plan 1984-1985
Employment Committee Vice Chair, Member Executive Board.**

**Chair Science Magnet Program Richard Heights Junior High
School Miami Florida**

**Consultant on Affirmative Action School of Natural Resources
Ohio State University, February 1988.**

**Member Board of Directors, Rhode Island Minority Research
Apprenticeship Program 1982-1984.**

**Adjunct Professor, University of Maryland Eastern Shore 1982
- Present.**

**Consultant Human Resources Foundation Minority Careers in
Natural Resources Project.**

**Participant in Human Resources Foundation Consultation -
College and University Education of Minority Students in
Environmental and Natural Resources Fields - Proceedings
Published 1980.**

Consultant Hampton Institute Marine Science Program.

**Member Committee on Minorities and Women; National Marine
Education Association.**

**Member Planning Group for Sessions on Minorities in Marine
Fields at Oceans'82 Conference of Marine Technology
Society.**

**Massachusetts Conference United Church of Christ, Social
Action Committee, Church and Community Committee.**

**Greater Boston Civil Rights Coalition (representing
Massachusetts Advisory Committee). 1980-1984**

Community Change Executive Board 1971-1972.

**Minorities Education Development and Cultural Foundation of
Cape Cod - Board Member.**

Faculty Advisor South Stillwater Tutorial Project 1966-1967.

Faculty Advisory Alpha Phi Alphas related to Oklahoma
State University Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha - 1966 - 1967.

Oklahoma State University Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship
Committee 1964 - 1965.

Board of Directors South Stillwater Nursery 1969 - 1970.

Board of Directors Payne County Community Action Agency 1968
- 1969.

Falmouth Human Relations Committee (Fair Housing Group) 1964
- 1965, Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Fair Housing Pledge Campaign Falmouth Mass.

SELECTED ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Greater Miami Urban League

Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts

American Association Affirmative Action

Association of Affirmative Action Professionals

Fair Housing of Cape Cod

Community Change

Human Environment Foundation Association

National Institute of Science

Massachusetts Legislators Black Caucus

National Organization of Women

Association of Women in Science

American Civil Liberties Union